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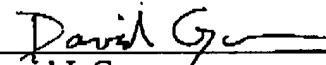
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Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT AT ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO COMMENT 43 OF THE FINAL RULE

Dear Sir:

On the basis of good faith and candor, Applicant would like to bring your attention to the Patent Term Extension (PTE) calculations and Total PTE days of 0 for the above referenced application which was allowed September 21, 2005.

Please review the file history and these calculations as it is understood Applicant should be eligible for Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) rather than PTE based on the Continuation Patent Application (CPA) filed February 25, 2003. Discussions with your office indicate that while the CPA is entered in the File History and PTE History, it failed to be entered into the PALM system and, therefore, nothing was considered or calculated under the PTA standards.

The issue fee will be paid by separate cover prior to the December 21, 2005 due date.

If any further documentation or a Petition is required, please contact the undersigned.

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The Applicant believes that no fee is due at this time, however, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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